

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the first full paragraph beginning page 2, line 4 with the following rewritten version:

In general, a torque converter can smoothly accelerate and decelerate because power is transmitted by fluid. However, a loss of energy can be caused by fluid slip resulting in poor fuel economy. Therefore, a torque converter that is mounted with a lock-up device to connect mechanically an input-side front cover and an output-side turbine exists among prior art torque converters. The lock-up device is disposed in a space between the front cover and the turbine. The lock-up device is mainly formed of a disc-shaped piston, a driven plate, and torsion springs. The disc-shaped piston can be frictionally engaged with the front cover. The driven plate is mounted to a back face side of the turbine. The torsion springs elastically connect the piston and the driven plate in a rotating direction. An annular frictional member is adhered to the piston so that it faces a flat frictional face of the front cover (refer to ~~Patent Document 1~~ Unexamined Patent Publication 2003-56669, for example).

Please delete the section beginning page 2, line 14 as follows:

~~{Patent document 1} Unexamined Patent Publication 2003-56669~~